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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Character and Level of Clandestine Operations in Fiscal Year 1959.

REFERENCES:

- a. Memo dtd 7 Mar 57 to DCI fr DD/P, same subject (T/S 148091).
- b. Memo dtd 26 Mar 57 to DCI fr C/PAC, same subject.
- c. Ltr dtd 3 Apr 57 to DCI fr D/BOS.
- d. Ltr dtd 26 Apr 57 to D/BOS fr DCI

1. After careful consideration of the Clandestine Services' Character and Level Program for Fiscal Year 1959 (Reference a.), as well as the over-all budgetary problems with which the Agency is confronted at this time, I have concluded that the Agency's Budget presentation for Fiscal Year 1959 will not exceed the level of the Fiscal Year 1958 Budget now before the Congress and have so advised the Director of the Budget. (Reference d.)

2. Inasmuch as there appears to be little likelihood of making any significant savings in other components of the Agency, the Clandestine Services should at this time plan on programs for Fiscal Year 1959 which will incur actual obligations not to exceed [REDACTED] the amount in the Fiscal Year 1958 Budget. It is my opinion that the essential planned expansion of programs can be accomplished through improved efficiency, curtailment, or elimination of marginal programs, and other economies.

3. With regard to personnel, I recognize that some moderate increases may be necessary in the field. However, in the departmental area I firmly believe that a substantial decrease can be effected.

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Director of Central Intelligence

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CONCUR:

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Edward K. Saunders, Comptroller

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